

# A Faith-Based Story Methodology

(Example: *The Great Commandment and "The Good Samaritan" Luke 10:25–37*)

## STEP 1: Read

Use the questions below to initiate a conversation.

- Think of someone you love. How do you show this person that you love him or her?
- Think of someone who loves you. How does this person show his or her love for you?

Explain that you will read aloud a story from the Bible. In this story, Jesus tells a man what it really means to show love for someone. Explain that the story has three main characters. Ask the child to listen carefully to see which character showed the kind of love he or she might like to receive.

Read aloud Luke 10:25–37.

## STEP 2: Reflect

After reading, ask the following:

- What do you think Jesus meant by "Love your neighbor as yourself"?
- How does the story of the Good Samaritan give an example of this idea?
- How might you be like the Good Samaritan in your life?

## STEP 3: Pray

With the child, pray the Sign of the Cross, fold hands, and bow heads. Pray aloud the following:

Lord Jesus, help me be kind to everyone, reaching out with love.

Help me be fair, reaching out with love.

Help me share what I have with those in need, reaching out with love.

Help me take care of all living things, reaching out with love.

Help me be like the Good Samaritan, reaching out with love to love my neighbor as myself.

Amen.

## STEP 4: Respond

Talk with the child about one way he or she can show love for a neighbor or someone in need. Work with the child to complete the task. Afterward ask the following: *What is one way that you were like the good Samaritan? Say: When you pray before bed tonight, pray for the person you helped. Then pray to ask God to help you be like the good Samaritan again tomorrow. Ask Jesus to help you to see those people who need love.*

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